Support Price (MSP) and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). Keeping in view the need to compensate farmers for the losses suffered in unirrigated areas and the additional expenditure in irrigated areas, the Government announce Special Drought Relief Price ranging from Rs. 5 to 20 per quintal for kharif crops of 2002-03 season.

(d) The designated central nodal agencies undertake purchase operation whenever the Minimum Support Prices (M.S.P.) of major agricultural commodities fall below the M.S.P. level. Large quantities of major agricultural commodities have been procured in recent years.

Holding up drought assistance to States

364. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the assessment of Government of the recent drought in various States, especially in Orissa;

(b) how much assistance/relief has been sanctioned/released by Government to various States affected with drought, State-wise; and;

(c) in case release is held up in respect of some States, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Deficiency of rainfall in a large number of States particularly in the month of July has caused wide-spread disruption of agricultural operations during kharif 2002. It is estimated that there is a cumulative loss of 18.72% of food-grains production for the affected States cumulatively. Government of Orissa has reported a shortfall of 7.02 lakh ha. in kharif sowing and crop loss of 50% and above in an area of 25.46 lakh hectare.

The assistance so far extended to various States is as under:

State	Central Share of CRF (Rs. in crore)	Foodgrains allocated (lakh MTs)	Assistance* from NCCF (Rs. in crore)
Andhra Pradesh	163.77	3.00	174.61
Chhattisgarh	22.72	0.50	92.73
Haryana	67.23	0.25	109.65
Himachal Pradesh	35.96	0.10	39.45
Jharkhand	—	0.40	42.06
Karnataka	61.66	2.00	221.46
Madhya Pradesh	51.78	1.00	125.89
Maharashtra	129.99	—	20.00
Orissa	90.52	2.00	120.18
Punjab	101.47	—	125.49
Rajasthan	171.16	7.00	207.68
Tamil Nadu	84.87	0.50	228.30
Uttaranchal	13.38	0.50	10.62
Uttar Pradesh	120.95	2.00	481.10

*Subject to deducting available balances in the Calamity Relief Fund

Fertilizer Policy

365. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared a long term policy for chemical fertilizers, which would be brought into force from the next financial year;